MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Yes, Sir. The duty of operation for each conductor ranges between 6 to 8 hours which will depend upon the arduousness of the work of each conductor.

Transport buses.

118 *MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the body of the transport buses can be built with nails and timber planks?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: May I know with what material the upper portion of the bus is constructed?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: Metal sheets.

Adjustment of staff in the Muvattupuzha Division of the Education Department.

119 *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any staff adjustment has been effected since Edavom 1117 in the Muvattupuzha Division of the Education Department; and

(*b*) if not, the causes for the delay?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) The adjustment of staff in schools in the Muvattupuzha Division, for the current school year, was effected in Karkadakom 1117 M. E.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*) above.

Complaints regarding the harm done to the pupils of the Kidangannur Sanskrit School.

120 *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any complaint from the Manager of the Sanskrit School, Kidangannur, regarding the serious harm done to the pupils attending the school by the toddy shop and its frequenters?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

Channel from Mavarapadom to Kadakkattu punja.

121 *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation to open a channel from 'Mavarapadom' in Muttathu Muri, Thonnallur pakuthi, to Kadakkattu punja in the same pakuthi, *via* Kallattil punja in Mavelikara; and

(*b*) whether any action is taken on the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The investigation for the preparation of the estimate and plans is being conducted.

Chalakal Thodu.

122 *MR. K. S. SEBASTIAN (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation has been received for the completion of the Chalakal thodu in the Changanacherry taluk; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, have been taken in this connection?

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MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The feasibility of completing the canal was investigated more than once but the question had to be put off owing to the heavy cost involved.

MR. K. S. SEBASTIAN: May I know the approximate cost that has been estimated?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Rs. 60,000.

MR. K. S. SEBASTIAN: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether that amount is considered heavy when compared with the allotment made in the Budget for the P. W. D.?

MR I. C. CHACKO: It is only for opening three thousand running feet.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): May I know whether it was without investigation that the work was started?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The work was started some 74 years ago and I cannot now tell what all happened then.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Is it the idea of the Government to give up the work now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

Local needs of the Mavelikara and Kunnattur taluks.

123 ***MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the public roads and village roads and the ryots' roads in the taluks of Mavelikara and Kunnattur and the length of such roads maintained by the Public Works Department as on 1-11-1118:

(*b*) whether the Public Works Department has maintained and repaired the important ryots' road of Eravankara, Mavelikara, either in 1117 or 1118;

(*c*) whether the Public Works Department has done anything to finish the gravelling of the public road from Kayamculam *via* Eruva and Evoor to Muttom, Kartigapally taluk, either in 1117 or in 1118;

(*d*) whether the maintenance work was done by the Public Works Department in the road from Mavelikara to Chunakkara *via* Kurathikad in 1118:

(*e*) whether the Public Works Department has done anything to deepen Pallikal thodu in Mavelikara in 1118;

(*f*) whether the Public Works Department has done anything to construct the sluice in Kothachira, Thazhakkara, Mavelikara, according to the budget provision for 1118; and

(*g*) whether the Public Works Department has constructed the sluice at Pathiyur in the canal leading from Karippuzha to Kayamculam to avoid the loss in Pathiyur punja from the flow of salt water?

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